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Letter To The Editor

May 12, 1979

Dear Christian Friend;

How often have you promised that you would join the NAACP?

If you have not joined or renewed, you've been stalling for time. If all of us stalled for time, the job of securing civil rights would not be accomplished.

The point of this letter is to urge you to help us knock down the barriers Blacks still face in the pursuit of full freedom.

Join the Appomattox branch of NAACP and help bring about Full Freedom soon.

It would be helpful if you could appoint a member of your congregation who will serve as your representative to the NAACP branch.

Thanks for your support over the years of the Appomattox Branch, and for your assistance in this years campaign.

Faithfully,
George A. Martin, Sr. Pres.
Thomas A. Chilton, Sr.
Ch. Mem. Comm. Sect.

Proclamation

Whereas, the United States Supreme Court in its historic 1954 decision in Brown v. Board of Education held that segregation in public education is unconstitutional; and,

Whereas, it served as the catalyst for the shifting of judical sanctions from that of segregation to desegregation and the elimination of legal barriers to equal opportunities; and,

Whereas, Brown formed the basis for enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 1965 and 1968, thereby providing greater assurance of equal opportunity in employment, equal access to public accommodations, housing and desegregated education; and,

Whereas, there continues to be opposition to desegregation at many levels of life and the momentum of the equality of opportunity in all aspects of public life is decelerated; and,

Whereas, despite the removal of the more overt legal barriers blacks are still faced with resistance to meaningful implementation of these civil rights law by officials and individuals who publicly profess belief in the spirit and the letter of the law as pronounced in Brown; and,

Whereas, this is the 25th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education,

We hereby proclaim May 17, 1979 as a day for all citizens to rededicate themselves to the ideals and principles of equality and justice particularly at a time when this nation should be attempting to transfer the noble pronouncement of Brown into realities.

We further call upon all elected officials and citizens to exert active individual leadership in making equality a reality for all Americans. This leadership action should include an objective analysis of the existing quality of education in all communities, and specific steps, time tables and funding sources to implement effective public education which was clearly the foundation of the Brown decision.

George A. Martin, Sr., Dorothy Stevens, Secretary
May 17, 1979

May 17th Observance

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

May 15, 1979

A Letter To The Citizens of Appomattox County:

Once again, thru the generosity of time, effort and finances, Appomattox County has exceeded the goal in the annual American Cancer Society Fund Drive. This year we did it by the "skin of our teeth," but, we did it! (old tax month, April, is becoming popular for raising funds for many worthy causes).

I can't possibly name all the wonderful volunteers and generous donors. However, you must know your worth and are greatly appreciated!

A special thanks to our Crusade chairmen, Beck Hudson and Marge Mims, also, June Chenault and Rev. R. Q. Lawing.

An overwhelming thanks to the 4-H Clubs and the A.C.M.S. Spirit Club and all youths who participated in the Bike-A-Thon and Radio-Thon.

Appomattox is blessed with empathetic news media - The Times Virginian and WTTX. We should be ever grateful.

Cancer is a horrible thing and I can't think of anyone that doesn't wish for a cure. The more we raise for research, the faster the answer will be found.

My hope coincides with one area business family who recently lost their son. They wrote: "Who knows, maybe these are the funds that will help to find a cure."

God bless you all.

Janet H. Noble, President
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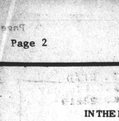

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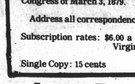

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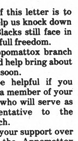

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By Dr. William L. Trimyer

BURNING AND BUILDING BRIDGES

Lesson for May 20, 1979

Background Scripture:
II Corinthians 5:14 to 6:2

All of this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation. (II Cor. 5:18)

Captured by Christ's Love

The love of Christ governed the Apostle Paul's life and career. This love became a bridge whereby Paul could proclaim the GOOD NEWS of abundant living to all people. Certain people who thought Paul's day thought he wasn't "dealing with a full deck!" Some interpreted his devotion to the Gospel as a sign of emotional instability. But Paul did not allow the drift of public opinion to interfere with his sole aim, namely, to build bridges of reconciliation by introducing people to Christ.

There is something about the compassionate Jesus that keeps us coming back for more. There exists a strange and compelling force within this ONE who gives hope to the hopeless and meaning to those in despair. We cannot have an encounter with the Lord of Life and not come away from that experience feeling a deep sense of "rightness" or "OKness" about ourselves. Neither can we be deeply moved by the Christ and refuse to show others the "bridge" to abundant living.

Christ died that we might have life both abundant and eternal. An encounter with Christ broadens our world and increases our possibilities for personal growth and ministry.

Changed to a New Creation

An intimate relationship with Jesus comes from having been changed into a "newer" and "better" creation. A serious look at Jesus will produce a radical change of heart and life. Life can never be the same after an encounter with Christ. The "bridge" we cross by faith in Christ leads us to a new world, a new vision, a new sense of life's direction. That same bridge moves us over from a life of self-centeredness to a life that cannot help but take into account the presence of others. Christ confronts us with a radical awakening from our prejudices and narrow world perspective. The "sleepy eyes" of racism cannot remain forever closed when Christ comes to live within us.

Before his encounter with Christ, Paul was a narrow-minded bigot who spent his energies despising the Gentiles. But after his eye-opening experience on the Damascus Road, Paul began to see all people as his potential brothers and sisters in Christ. He even changed his view of Jesus! Strange, isn't it? The power of Christ can radically redirect human life bent on hate and self-seeking and change a negative life to a positive one.

The Good News of God is that no one is beyond the "hand of grace" of God's forgiveness and acceptance. The "bridge" that carries us from old ways of living to new ways of living also provides us with strength and insight to face the crises of life.

Commissioned as Bridge Builders

Followers of Christ are commissioned to build bridges of reconciliation between those who are alienated from one another and from God. In other words, Christians are "little christ" who are sent to be healers in a diseased and broken world. There is something to be said for "making peace with God." Until we settle the brokenness between ourselves and God, nothing can ever be right.

No human relationship can grow when is division and alienation present. No couple in a marriage can experience the joy of growing together while they remain alienated from one another. They cannot achieve "at oneness" while they are on opposite sides of the fence. Not until they are reconciled can they get on with the business of living and growing together.

When we move to the place where we feel a sense of relatedness to God, then we will be better able to relate to others and help them discover the joy of knowing him who makes all things new.

(Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin City, Va.)

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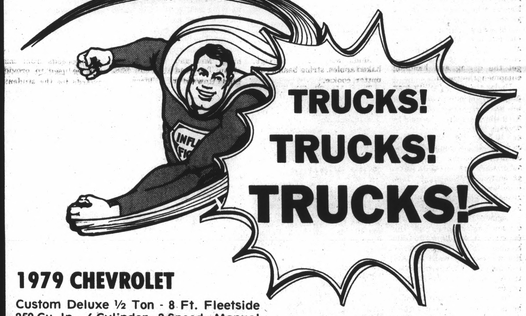

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ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

Flue-Cured Annual Meeting Date Set by Co-Op - Billy W. Hill, President of Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, and Fred G. Bond, the CO-OP's General Manager, have jointly announced that the 33rd Annual Membership Meeting of the CO-OP will be held May 25, 1979, at the Kerr Scott Pavilion, located at the N.C. State Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. and adjoining around 12 noon. A complimentary barbecue lunch will be served to all in attendance.

This year's featured speaker, according to Hill, will be the Honorable James H. Williams, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was named to fill the Number Two position in USDA in early 1979.

Deputy Secretary Williams, a native of Ocala, Florida, previously served as lieutenant governor of Florida for four years, secretary of the Department of Administration for two years, and a member of the Florida State Senate for six years.

Mr. Williams is farm-oriented in that before entering government service, he operated the family cattle range, taught an agricultural co-farm training course, owned and operated a lumber firm, and was an offic ial in a mining firm, and was an official in a mining firm. He currently owns a citrus grove in Ocala and is a partner in other citrus and cattle operations in Manatee and Lake Counties in Florida.

The Honorable James B. Hunt, Governor of North Carolina, will give the address of welcome to the group from the five-state flue-cured producing area.

In addition, the Annual Reports of the President, and the General Manager will be given.

The ASCS Office reminds farmers that funds are available to buy, build, or remodel on-farm storage facilities and to get the drying and handling equipment they need.

Under the farm facility loan program, farmers can borrow up to $50,000 on structures adequate to store two year's crops, with 15 percent down and 10.5 percent interest. They can build conventional type on-farm storage structures such as steel bins, wooden granaries, and wet storage facilities. Loans are also available to build high-moisture forage and silage storage space.

Farmers who have adequate on-farm storage and drying facilities have greater crop handling and marketing flexibility at harvest time. In years of overabundance, they can store crops in good condition until prices rise.

To be eligible for farm facility loans, producers must grow one or more crops of barley, corn, grain sorghum, oats, rye, soybeans wheat and high-moisture forage.

Borrowers must provide adequate security to protect the Commodity Credit Corporation's interest. The program provides for an eight-year repayment term. Additional information on grain storage loans may be obtained at the ASCS Office.

Farm Exports to Total Over $30 Billion in '79 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts that farm export sales will break all previous records by year-end.

Farmers can expect to ship over $30 billion worth of goods in fiscal 1979, based on agricultural conditions around the world and prospective U.S. supplies.

A recent USDA outlook report indicated foreign demand has been and will continue strong, with exports increasing to most areas except the USSR.

The export volume of major commodities, however, will remain near the 122-million-metric-ton level of last year. Volume increases are expected for soybeans, feed grains, rice, protein meal, and tobacco. However, wheat exports may drop by 2 million tons because record world production of 436 million tons has reduced demand and increased competition in major markets.

The significance of agricultural exports goes beyond the farm gate. Without farm exports our trade deficit would be a third higher, our dollar would be weaker on foreign exchange markets and our domestic inflation problems would be more serious than they are.

Last year's record high agricultural exports had a positive impact on farm income and prices. Totaling more than $27 billion, 1978 farm exports were 14 percent higher than in 1977. Net farm earning totaled more than the previous year and the second highest on record.

PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

Mon., May 21 - Sausage, baked apples, string beans, roll, butter, cookie.

Tues., May 22 - Sliced turkey roll on bun, green peas, creamed potatoes and gravy, milk, peaches.

Wed., May 23 - Pizza, tossed salad, potato chips, mixed fruit, milk.

Thurs., May 24 - Hamburger on bun, mixed vegetables, french fries, jello, milk.

Fri., May 25 - Chicken noodle soup, crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, apple sauce, orange sections.

COUNTY LINE

Rev. Dan Menser preached a wonderful Mother's Day service at Central Church on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Collins and Eric, Mr. and Mrs. Gordan Tucker and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Arnold and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Tucker on Sunday. Mrs. Edd Collins also visited Mr. James Tucker.

Winners in the Poster Contest p ublicizing the forthcoming Band Concert and Festival of Arts on Sunday, May 20, are from left to right: Mary Hudson, Cheryl Davis, and Elizabeth Coffey.

Make plans now to attend on Sunday at 3 o'clock at the Appomattox County High School Concourse.

Lourdes Garcia, seated, and Mary Hudson are shown hard at work as they prepare for the Festival of Arts and Band Concert to be held on Sunday, May 20 at 3 o'clock at the Appomattox County High School Concourse.

Band Concert & Art Festival Sunday

The Appomattox County Schools will present their annual Spring Instrumental Concert on Sunday, May 20 at 3 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The bands on the program will be from the elementary, middle, and high schools. All the bands are under the direction of Mr. Frank Coffey.

The band concert is being given in conjunction with Art Festival which will also take place Sunday afternoon at the high school from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Several band students have done art works that depict musical selections that will be performed on the concert program.

The program will include a variety of musical styles including standard band literature, music of the '50's, disco, and a medley of Billy Joel hits.

Admission to the concert is $1.50 for adults and $1.00 for students. Tickets may be purchased for band students. All proceeds from this event will be used to provide band awards for the students.

The Band Boosters will have their final jewelry sale before and after the concert. All jewelry is $3 or less. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of new uniforms.

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HURTSVILLE NEWS

Rev. Howard Flood will be preaching at Fairland Baptist Church in Amherst Sunday at the 11 a.m. service.

The Flood family wishes to thank the Alabama Baptist Church for the cake that was presented to them Sunday.

Jordan News

Church meeting will be held Tuesday, May 22, at the Oakville School at 8 p.m.

The Senior Choir will practice Friday, May 25, at the home of Mrs. Hilda Jones. This practice will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Our prayers and deepest feelings of sympathy go out to the family of Mr. Lawrence Turner.

Oakville

Mrs. Claudia Moore was entertained with dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allen Moore and family and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Moore, children and grandchildren at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Moore.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Moore on Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wingfield of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wingfield of Appomattox and Mr. and Mrs. James Wagner and son, Jason of Chatham, Va.

Mrs. Brune Moore and Mrs. Alton Moore were guest of Mrs. Gary Lewis on a "Nationwide Shopping Trip" to Clover Leaf Mall and Regency Shopping Center in Richmond, Saturday.

AG. Department To Sponsor Plant Clinic

Appomattox County High School Agriculture Department will hold an Indoor Plant Clinic Monday, May 21 at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. General care and maintenance of indoor plants will be discussed. Topics will include recommended light exposures, soil mixtures, fertilizers, watering, propagation of indoor plants, and more. Questions will be answered.

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Yard Sale At St. Anne's May 19

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Anne's plan their annual Spring Yard Sale for May 19. The sale will be at the church between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

There will be plenty of usable clothing, play clothes for the children and for Mom and Dad. Kitchen equipment and accessories are coming in for the sale. Jewelry and glassware may provide treats for collectors. And there are always surprises. Snacks will be available.

Revival Planned At Concord Presbyterian Church

Revival services will be held at Old Concord Presbyterian Church in Spout Spring beginning May 20 and continuing through May 22. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Dr. James Price, pastor, will be conducting the services.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

"Wheels for Life" Bike-A-Thon Set For May 19th

On May 19th, beginning at 9:00 at the Rooks Baptist Church, Route 620, the wheels will start turning as the "Wheels For Life" bike-a-thon begins. Bikers will be riding for a cause, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a research center dedicated solely to the conquest of childhood diseases. Funds will be used as doctors and research scientists seek daily to find, not only better treatment, but the cause and ultimately the cure for cancer, muscle disorders and other diseases that maim and kill our children.

Louise and Cindy Roach, Co-chairmen for the Appomattox County Bike-A-Thon, urge potential participants, if you have not already done so to pick up your sponsor sheets today. They are available at the Appomattox Drug Store, C. T. Evans Grocery in Evergreen, Paulette's Superette and R & K Grocery in Pamplin.

The route is two miles long and will be properly supervised. If, however, participants wish to go more than two miles they may do so.

For participants collecting $25.00 in pledges there will be T-Shirts; for those collecting a total of $75.00 in pledges a Back Pack will be the reward. The greatest reward, however, will be the knowledge that you have helped in some way, however small, to find a cure for some of the diseases that plague the children of our land.

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